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**Applicant:** Ulmer, Matthew J.    **Art Unit:** 3637  
**Serial No:** 09/989,592        **Examiner:** José V. Chen  
**Filing Date:** 11/20/2001      **Docket No.** 01573-0001  
**Title:** Portable Adjustable Table

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**DRAFT -- NOT FOR ENTRY**

Dear Mr. Chen:

You indicated in the 2/24/03 Official Office Action pending in the above-referenced case that the claims would be allowable subject to overcoming the formal § 112 requirements you noted. Specifically, you required positive recitation of structure that defines how the first and second table tops are removably and interchangeably attached to the support member. Responsive thereto, draft proposed claim 1 (below) now recites a "connection mechanism," antecedent basis for which is found in Applicant's specification. See, e.g., Applicant's Spec, page 6, lines 1-2, and page 7, lines 4-5. Per the Office Action, the terms "attachable" and "storable" have been replaced with terms which more positively define the structural relationship among the claimed elements.

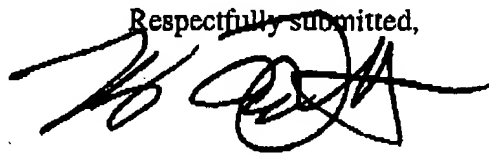
If the draft proposed claim 1 is acceptable, claim 7 will be similarly amended and a formal Amendment submitted. Please call me at the number below to discuss draft amended claim 1.

**DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAIM 1**

1. (Amended) A portable table, comprising:  
a base;  
first and second table tops;

a support member extending upwardly from said base, and including a connection mechanism which first and second table tops removably and interchangeably attaches ~~attachable~~ <sup>and</sup> said first and second table tops to said support member; ; and  
said first table top sized to fit ~~being storable~~ within a compartment of said second table top.

Respectfully submitted,



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